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## ARE 'LITTLE GREEN MEN' HUMAN-LIKE?

THOSE little green men from outer space might just as easily be blue or purple, according to a new study of what to expect in the shape of extra-terrestrials.

In fact, they could be any colour though one thing is reassuring . . . they should look rather like ourselves, give or take a finger or two and the possibility of a furry face.

A serious look at these possibilities appears in the new issue of the Journal of the British Interplanetary Society in a paper entitled "The Physical Appearance of Intelligent Aliens."

The Society, founded in 1932, is the oldest astronomical society in the world. It has an international membership including many top NASA men like the late rocket genius Werner von Braun.

Author of the paper, Mr Nick Spall, a town planner in Harringay, ventures into the new science of exobiology, the calculation of what life forms may exist outside earth. The old earth sciences—biology, anthropology, and zoology—are used as guidelines.

### EXOTIC

Mr Spall kō's the idea of really exotic creatures with multiple limbs. Out, too, is the concept of life based on silicon atoms instead of carbon, creatures that would eat rocks.

Instead, he believes logic dictates creatures not unlike ourselves. Though many weird shapes might evolve, intelligence would probably find real expression in human-like forms.

The simple demand of balance mean more than four legs are unlikely, and grasp-

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ing appendages likewise should be roughly similar to our own. For maximum efficiency, there are unlikely to be more than 10 or less than four fingers.

Two eyes and ears seem probable, though there is the possibility of bat-like acoustic systems or built-in infra-red sensors similar to the rattlesnake's.

Though some believe high gravity would mean heavy,

squat figures and low gravity tall spindly creatures, Mr Spall points to the wide range of heights on earth and thinks creatures could vary from 4ft. 6in. to 7ft. high.

### VIDEO

A startling possibility is that aliens may have developed levels of knowledge which would allow them to free their minds from their bodies. In that appearance."

case we might never discover their original appearance.

The chances are the very first close encounters will be via radio telescopes and video pictures will have to suffice for many years before face-to-face contact is made.

Writes Mr Spall —

"These images of the extraterrestrial will not shock us. They may surprise and intrigue us — but it is unlikely that mankind will find

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**Not a saucer,  
not a disc,  
but a tadpole**

TWO HUNDRED Rugby Union fans at Towyn, near Rhyl, stopped watching the 30 players.

The 30 players stopped watching the ball.

The referee stopped the game. Four hundred and sixty-two eyes switched skywards.

What did they see? A "flying tadpole." That is how spectators described a bright object speeding over the ground, trailing sparks.

Police theory last night "A yellow training plane.

R.A.F. comment: "Not one of ours."

## RUSSIANS ORDER A UFO ALERT

RUSSIA has become the first country to order an official UFO alert.

People have been asked to report any sightings directly to the Soviet Academy of Science.

A leading Soviet UFO expert, Professor Aleksel Zotov, said: "This is the first admission by the academy that secret UFO research is being conducted on this level.

"The academy is calling for help. The matter must be urgent."

The high-level Soviet action was set off by spectacular sightings over the city of Petrozavodsk — sightings which have led at least one scientist to conclude that space creatures will contact humans soon.

Soviet space lecturer and author Aleksandr Kazantsev revealed: "Exciting new information has been

sleeping through from Petrozavodsk concerning a spaceship that visited the area recently."

The first space encounter over Petrozavodsk came in September 1977.

### Sightings

A UFO was reported to have beamed down light that made holes in paving stones.

There have been frequent UFO sightings in the area since then. And just recently came the most spectacular of all.

A journalist in Petrozavodsk, Nikolai Milov said: "The UFO hung in the night sky for at least two hours at an altitude of 60 miles.

"It was the centre of great activity as much smaller bodies appeared to dart away from it, while others seemed to approach and disappear into immense portholes."

Reported

Soviet physicist Dr Vladimir Azhazha commented: "In my view, it was a mother ship from outer space."

"Its appearance seems to indicate that an extraterrestrial civilisation is in the final stage prior to direct communication with earth."

A spokesman for Britain's Defence Ministry said that a Russian-style alert to report sightings directly to the Ministry was not planned.

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## Balloon-like UFO Lands In Philippines, Frightens Natives, Scientist Says

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DAVAO, Philippines (UPI) — An American scientist said Sunday that he and 600 villagers saw an unidentified flying object that was emitting flashes of light soar over the Philippines' highest peak and land near their huts.

Ron Kruppa, 36, of the American-based Film and Research for the Endangered Environment, told Davao officials he saw a round, balloon-like object moving over Mount Apo, at the edge of Davao, 600 miles south of Manila.

There have been hundreds of reported UFO sightings over wide areas in the Central Philippines since April, and military authorities are investigating them.

round like a big balloon" and gave off a strobe-like effect similar to one produced by a camera flash, he said.

### In View 20 Minutes

Kruppa said the UFO appeared at 8 a.m. (7 p.m. Saturday CST) and was in view for 20 minutes as he, two Filipino assistants and 600 residents of Upper Baracatan village watched.

The village is at the bottom of the 10,311-foot mountain where Kruppa has been living for two years observing the lifestyle of a rare monkey-eating eagle.

### Eagles' Eerie Sound

"As I looked into the sky to find out why the eagles were making an eerie sound, I noticed an unusually bright starlike object in the north but almost directly overhead," Kruppa said.

The object was "perfectly

### Landed Near Trees

The UFO landed in an open space behind a cluster of trees at Upper Baracatan, and the frightened villagers ran into their huts, he said. Twenty minutes later, the object took off and disappeared in the sky, he said.

One reported UFO landing in the central province of Negros Occidental already has sparked an investigation by the military.

Officials said they are still studying Kruppa's story and were undecided whether it should be investigated further.

He said: "Most of the sightings we get have already been reported to the police."

"They're referred to us if the police can't come up with a reasonable explanation for them."

The spokesman added that the Ministry would be interested only in UFOs which might be considered a threat to military establishments.